"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

Someone said to me recently, "You've got to start giving us some good news in South 40,"...so here goes.

Richard and Twyman Nash seeded eleven acres of alfalfa last September on land that had been in barley. The seeding was largely Are with some Williamsburg alfalfa.

There was a large amount of volunteer barley in the field. Last week they made haylage from most of it, putting up 75 tons. In addition to the haylage, they harvested 7.5 tons of hay. This is yield of 7½ tons per acre–which goes without saying it outstanding. Twyman said, "We made more forage off that 11 acres than we did off the entire farm in 1977."

I feel that making haylage is an excellent way of handling the first cutting of alfalfa. Before the Nash's cut the alfalfa, we talked about how long to let it wilt. This is a good question, but difficult to answer. It all depends on drying conditions. We can't over-emphasize the need for adequate wilting of forages before ensiling. The dry matter of any forage going into a silo should be 35 to 40%.

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Hay yields have been outstanding this spring. Orchard grass can be a very productive hay if fed properly. The Nash's were telling me of an orchard grass stand that produced 2¼ tons the first cutting.

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HOLLYWOOD

Mrs. Ollie Ripley of Richmond visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith and family for the week end and attended the graduation of her grand daughter, Vickie Smith at Appomattox County High School Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb, Miss Joyce Webb and Miss Odell Webb were visitors of Mrs. Beulah Morris and family and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Sr. Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson of Vernon Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. Watson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence and Mrs. J. L. Torrence spent Sunday with Mrs. Berkley Torrence of Elkton, Virginia.

Mrs. W. T. Covington spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman. Bobby Smith ate lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam of Farmville visited in this home Sunday afternoon.

Little Robin Davis was a visitor in the home of Mrs. Thomas Woodall Thursday morning.

Mrs. Kenneth Deaner, Miss Dawn Deaner, Mrs. Kenneth Wingfield and Stuart were visitors Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Davis and Robin. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harris and son visited in this home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jenkins of Baltimore were visitors last week of his sister Mrs. Berr Abbitt in Lynchburg. They visited his brother Mr. H. W. Jenkins while here. Mrs. Twyman Baldwin visited her father Mr. H. W. Jenkins Sunday.

We are so glad Mr. Billy Inge is at home after a recent stay in the hospital. We are also glad Mr. George Jennings who is at home for a while was able to get out some last week and was at church Sunday. We hope both of these fine people will have a speedy recovery.

We were very sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. L. H. Watson, Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Mrs. Hazel Harvey and Mrs. Hal Bryant. They were all patients in the Lynchburg General Hospital last week.

Mrs. Watson came home Saturday. Mrs. Wingfield and Mrs. Bryant are due to come home today (Monday). We wish for each of them a very speedy recovery.

Mr. Benjamin Beasley of Wythville visited his mother Mrs. Virgie Beasley Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. George Inge of Chester, Virginia visited Mrs. Beasley Wednesday.

Friends and relatives were saddened when word came last week that Mr. Cliff Franklin, Jr. had passed away. Sincere sympathy is extended his loved ones.

Mr. L. H. Watson, Jr. of Alexandria was called home last week due to his mother's illness. He visited her at the hospital Thursday and had supper with his father, Mr. L. H. Watson, Sr. Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa spent the week end in Covington with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coffey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield spent several days last week at their home in Appomattox.

Mrs. Joan Raweles Mayberry returned to the home of her daughter Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family Saturday night after visiting relatives in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wingfield and son of Roanoke spent the week end in the Deaner home.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Davis and family Sunday were Mrs. Phyliss Davis of Scottsville, Mrs. Virgil Clabo, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Clabo, Mr. Roy Watson and Mrs. Ann James all of Cumberland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman and Mrs. J. L. Torrence spent Thursday with Mrs. W. T. Covington.

Mr. and Mrs Grover Smith of Baltimore and Mrs. C. R. Banton visited in a few homes in the neighborhood last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Maxwell have two of their grand daughters, Kim and Becky of Richmond spending the summer with them. We are so glad to hear Mr. Maxwell is feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb were visitors last week of Mrs. Berr Abbitt in Lynchburg.

Visitors last week of Mrs. Mary Bagby were Mrs. W. H. Elder, Mrs. Alfred Almond, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield, Mr. H. W. Jenkins, Mrs. Billy Inge, Mrs. Kenneth Wingfield and son, Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and Dawn and Mrs. Bill Watson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa. Mr. W. H. Wingfield and Miss Julia Wingfield called in this home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sheets and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb visited Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Sunday night.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Maxwell over the week end was Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCracken and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Seedson of Cahoila, Ill. Also Kimberly Hodges and Rebecca Cook are spending their summer vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Maxwell of this home. Mr. James Maxwell has returned to work after a few weeks of illness.

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ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

FINAL REPORT SHOWS 35.2 PERCENT OF FARMS IN SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

Results of the final signup report showed that 35.2 percent of the farms in Appomattox County were enrolled in the 1978 feed grain and wheat set-aside program. This represents 172 ASCS farm units signed up out of 488. May 31 was the last day for farmers to sign up for the program.

Cropland designated as set-aside by the participating farms totaled 348.5 acres, including 119.7 acres under the wheat program and 228.8 acres under the feed grain program.

The farms enrolled intend to plant 598.5 acres of wheat and 2288.2 acres of feed grains for a total of 2887 acres. The feed grain total includes 238.5 acres of barley, 2009.0 acres of corn and 40.7 acres of sorghum.

Additional acreage to be diverted by the participating farms includes 96.2 acres under the feed grain program. Farmers plan to graze or cut for hay 11.9 acres of wheat.

On the national level signup reports show that 1,143,588 farms enrolled, or 49.9 percent of the 2,289,555 eligible. The signup in farms have 196,222, 227 acres (72. Opercent) of the Nation's total eligible normal crop acreage (272,525,266 acres).

The participating farms intend to plant 48,213,828 acres of wheat and 66,235,597 acres of feed grains for a total of 114,449,425 acres. The feed grain total includes 7,347,615 acres of barley, 47,107,954 acres of corn and 11,780,028 acres of sorghum. Cropland designated as setaside by the signed farms totals 16,266,326 acres, including 9,642, 766 acres under the wheat program and 6,623,560 acres under the feed grain program.

Additional acreage to be diverted by the participating farms includes 4,905,814 acres under the feed grain program. The farms plan to graze or cut for hay 1,239,351 acres of wheat.

GRAIN STORAGE SURVEY - According to our records there are still some farmers in Appomattox County that have not returned the Grain Storage Survey Questionnaire that was mailed to them. If you have not returned the questionnaire, please do so just as soon as possible.

CROP AND LAND USE CERTIFICATION - Now that the set-aside program signup is over, we are asking all farmers in Appomattox County to certify crop and land use acreage for 1978. Farmers participating in the Set-aside program will need to certify to remain eligible for program benefits. All tobacco producers will need to certify planted acreage to be eligible for price support. Farmers that are not, participating in the set-aside program or growing tobacco are asked to certify so that ASCS records can be kept up to date.

All crops except for grain sorghum and soybeans need to be reported by June 30th. Grain sorghum and soybeans need to be reported by July 31.

Mathews To Conduct Revival

The Reverend Eston H. Mathews, pictured above, will conduct revival services at Providence Baptist Church in Red House, beginning June 25 and continuing through June 30, 1978. You and your family are cordially invited to attend each of these services which will begin at 8:00 p.m. nightly.

Mr. Mathews presently serves as Director of Missions in the Henry County Baptist Association. He was one of the missionaries who helped to conduct the World Missions Conference in Appomattox Baptist Association in September of 1977.

Before assuming the position of Director of Missions for the Henry County Association in 1975, he was pastor of North Riverside Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia. A former Assistant Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia, Matthews served the Baptist General Association of Virginia as assistant State Sunday School Secretary from 1954 to 1958.

A native of Leesburg, Florida, he is a graduate of John B. Stetson University, Deland, Florida, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He was also awarded a Purple Heart during World War II. He and his wife, the former Anne Obenshain of Roanoke, Virginia have two children, Gerald and Martha.

Special music will be provided each night. Make your plans now to worship with us an share in a week of spiritual uplife and renewal!

Middle School Elects Officers

The Appomattox Middle School held elections on May 30 for freshman class officers and S.C.A. officers for next year.

The freshman class officers are president, Terri Robinson; vice president, Ron Carter; secretary, Brenda Carter; treasurer, John Elders; reporter, Dianne Brown; chaplain, Robin Bollinger and parliamentarian, Tommy Smith.

S.C.A. officers elected were Beverly Coleman, reporter and Joyce Garrett, chaplain.

Attention Parents!

The New Hope Baptist Church, Vera, Vacation Bible School will begin June 19th and continue through June 23rd. Bible School will be held from 9 a.m. until 12 noon each day.

All 3 year olds are invited to attend. Their teacher will be Mrs. Nancy Jamerson and her helpers will be Tammy Jamerson and Lisa Mann.

The group will study, "Living in God's World," and they will be involved in many planned activities; story time, prayer, arts and crafts, and playtime. Hope to see you there!

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Junior Chapter FHA Members in Fashion Show

Officers installed for the new year in the junior chapter FHA were, left to right, Donna Pulliam, Robin Bollinger, Jane Guill, Sam Alderson, Donna Robinson, Arylece Ferguson, Karen Doss, Terri Nash, Sylvia Trent, Laurie Cowan, Laura Walton, Janice Campbell, Renee Wells, Sheila Roach and Kim Maxwell.

The Appomattox Junior Chapter Future Homemakers of America tried something new and different for the last meeting of the year. Two separate programs were presented.

The first program was the Annual Fashion Show consisting of approximately 35 students who modeled their projects made in their Home Ecomonics course. Emcees were Kim Chenault and Donna Robinson.

The second program was the installation of officers for the school year 1978-79. Mary Dyess, State Secretary and Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presided at the installation services.

The following officers were installed: Karen Doss, President; Terri Nash, First Vice-President; Sylvia Trent, Second Vice President; Laura Walton, Secretary; Janice Campbell, Treasurer; Renee Wells, Reporter; Sheila Roach, Historian; and Kim Maxwell, Chaplain. The ceremonies were concluded with the farewell speech by the outgoing president, Arylece Ferguson, and an acceptance speech by Karen Doss. The meeting was then adjourned by Karen Doss, the new president.

PAMPLIN

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Arlene Harris Clodfelter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Young, Lynchburg and Mrs. John Young of Evergreen visited relatives here Thursday.

Mrs. C. W. Slayton spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Dalton and attended the graduation of her grandson Eddie Dalton at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, College Park, Md.

VIRGINIA FIBRE REPORTS WOOD PURCHASES FOR WEEK

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending June 5, 1978. Purchases are listed by counties.

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Appomattox	14,041.42
Bedford-County	1,808.26
Buckingham	9,940.27
Campbell	6,844.90
Charlotte	1,487.36
Cumberland	2,946.25
Goochland	1,058.14
Halifax	1,384.90
Henry	562.13
Mecklenburg	
Nelson	10,491.21
Powhatan	319.28
Prince Edward	6,536.00
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Rockbridge	721.83
TOTAL	$70,232.47

We feel this information will be of interest to our readers in Appomattox County and in adjoining counties.

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